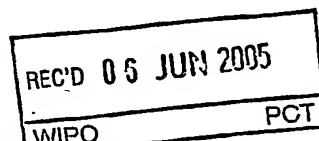


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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-6, 9-11	YES
	Claims 7, 8, 12	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-6, 9-11	YES
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Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-12	YES
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The above documents do not disclose the methods of claims 1-6, and the compounds of claims 9-11. Accordingly these claims are novel and inventive over the disclosures of documents D1, D2 and D3.

INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY (IA)

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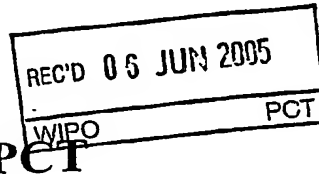
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